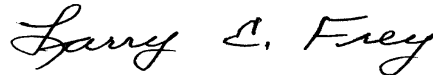


For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1726

Approved By: State Executive Director

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Background

Effective November 21, 2002, Secretary Ann M. Veneman declared a major disaster in the following Oregon counties, due to adverse weather conditions. The disaster declaration number is S1726.

Named County: **BAKER**

Contiguous Counties: **GRANT, MALHEUR, UNION AND WALLOWA**

Below normal temperatures that occurred from January through May 2002.

Drought beginning October 2000, and continuing.

Named County: **JEFFERSON**

Contiguous Counties: **CROOK, DESCHUTES, LINN, MARION,
WASCO AND WHEELER.**

Drought that began in November 2001, and continuing.

Named County: **UMATILLA**

Contiguous Counties: **GRANT, MORROW, UNION AND WALLOWA.**

Cold temperatures beginning February 2002, frost that occurred on April 2, 3, 4, 24, 25 and May 8, 2002, and drought that began in November 2001, and continuing.

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Purpose

The purpose of this Oregon Notice is to inform FSA employees of the counties eligible to receive and process emergency (EM) loan applications under this declaration.

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Contacts

Please inform the STO Farm Loan Staff of the commodities for which you will need yield and price information. Direct questions concerning the designation to Peter Halvorson at (503) 692-3688, ext. 255.

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Implementation Responsibilities

EM loan applications will be received through July 21, 2003 for production losses. EM loans will be made under Farm Service Agency Handbook 3-FLP. For the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in Paragraph 171C of FSA Handbook 3-FLP, the day before the beginning of the incidence period of the disaster are September 30, 2000, December 31, 2001 and March 31, 2002.

Please take the notification and coordination actions as required by section 1945.21 of FmHA Instruction 1945-A. Among them is the requirement to ensure there is no duplication of FSA disaster benefits and actual loss Emergency loan benefits on the same losses. We therefore request that County Executive Directors and Farm Loan Managers or Farm Loan Officers serving the designated area personally meet to review the use of Form FmHA 1945-29, and to discuss the circumstances under which FSA disaster payments will be made payable jointly to the borrower and FSA.

We have a responsibility to ensure that there is no duplication of FCIC crop insurance or multi-peril crop insurance and FSA actual loss Emergency loan benefits for the same losses. Following the guidelines of Exhibit A of FmHA Instruction 2000-N, this will be accomplished by requiring Emergency loan applicants to sign an "Assignment of Indemnity" or Form FCI-20 or other acceptable form, authorizing the issuance of any loss claim settlement check on an insured crop to be made payable jointly to FSA and the policyholder. An exception would be when the amount of the loss claim or settlement on the insured crop is known and it is deducted from the amount of the FSA actual loss emergency loan.

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